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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claim 2 has been amended to correct grammatical errors. Claims 72-75 are directed to carbazole compounds, which are outside the scope of claim 1, and have therefore been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-60, 62-71, 76-80, and 92 are pending.

In the Reasons for Allowance provided with the Notice of Allowance mailed June 1, 2006, the Examiner states that

The closest art of record is co-pending U.S. Patent Application 10/532,273 ["the '273 Application"] with same assignee and different inventive entity.

[The '273 Application] discloses a dibenzofuran or dibenzothiophen compound ..., which is patentably distinct from a compound of the instant invention ... on the definition of the substituents of R₄ (-NR⁵R⁶, not -NH₂) over R² (-NH₂ and other substituents) of [the '273 Application].

For clarification of the record, applicants note that the present application and the '273 Application do not currently have the same assignee. The present application was assigned by the inventors to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (GPL), which subsequently assigned it to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals S.A. (GPS). The '273 Application was assigned by the inventors to GPL. The '273 Application has not been subsequently assigned to GPS. Both inventions were, at the time the invention claimed in the present application (U.S. Serial No. 10/821,642) was made, owned by GPL or subject to an obligation of assignment to GPL.

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Favorable consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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